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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 23, 2003, Applicant hereby elects Invention IV (i.e., Claims 25-48). By this paper, Applicant hereby cancels Claims 1-19, 20-23, 24, and 49-67, without prejudice. Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits and requests the prompt examination of the same. Should there be any impediment to the prompt examination of this application that could be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the number shown below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: 10/22/2003

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